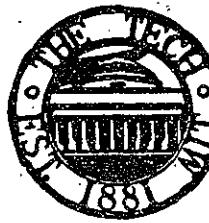


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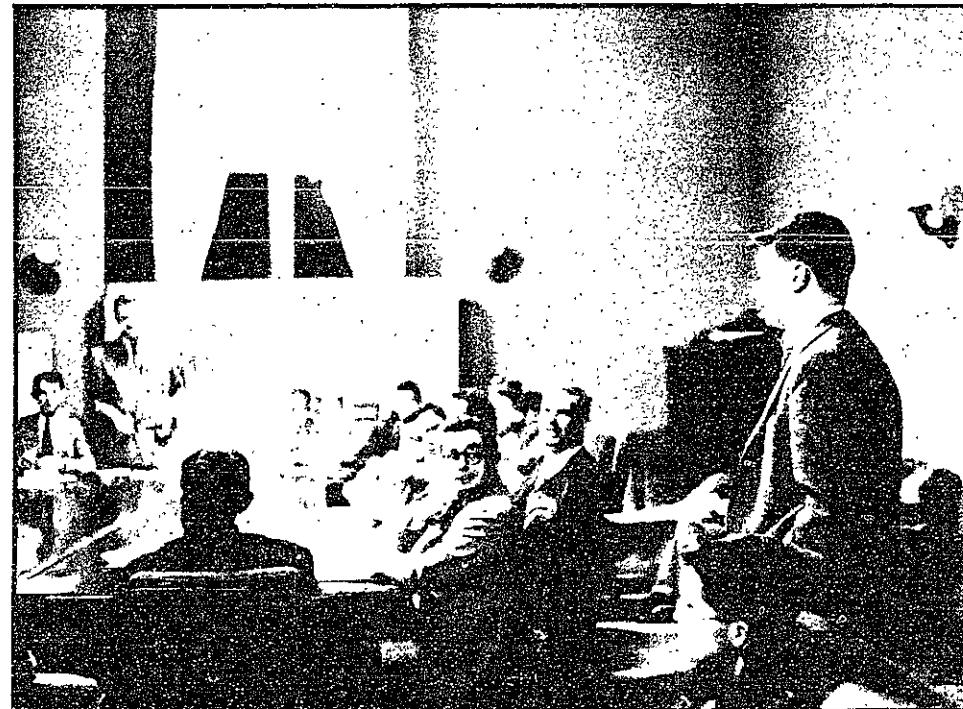
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Incomm Hears Saloma, Picks New Committee Heads

Chairmen Elected In Extra Long Session

The major portion of the last Inscomm meeting was spent electing the chairmen of the various sub-committees. Elected at Wednesday's meeting were Fitz L. Rawls '57, chairman of the Secretariat; William Hansen '56, chairman of Finance Committee; Simon Moss '56, chairman of National Students Association on campus; Julio Arroyo '56, chairman of Public Relations Committee; Stephen M. Cohen '56, chairman of Freshman Coordinating Committee; and Jonathan H. Hathaway '56, chairman of Student-Faculty Committee. The Executive Committee named Bill Layson '56 to head the Restrictive Clause Committee.

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Stephen N. Cohen '56 speaking before Inscomm

Saloma Talks On State-Of-The-Union; Stresses Need For Better Communication

Jack Saloma '56, Inscomm president, opened the March 26 Institute Committee meeting with his report on student government.

The need for better communication on all levels was stressed in Saloma's speech. Communications between student-government and the student body were mentioned, and improvements were suggested. ". . . I recommend that individual members of Institute Committee visit the fraternities and dormitories . . . This would be an ideal means of sensing student opinion . . ."

New Offices Of Activities

When the Walker Renovation Committee was established last month, one of the problems it faced was that of temporarily relocating the activities then in Building 18, so that construction of the new Compton Memorial Laboratories could commence in May. However, on March 1 these activities received notice that they would have to vacate within two weeks.

So this committee, under the chairmanship of Robert J. Holden, General Secretary of TCA, and with the co-operation of the Registrar's Office and Buildings and Power, made hasty emergency plans to accommodate the displaced groups wherever vacancies existed.

The offices of the Athletic Association and the Director of Athletics are now in Tyler Lounge, Walker Memorial, making this space no longer available for meetings.

Tech Show has taken over Room 011 in Walker, which formerly housed the Inscomm mimeograph machines. The latter have been moved to the former Walker Staff captains' closet, adjoining Litchfield Lounge.

The Flying Club is now located in Walker 008; Debate Society was moved from this room to the third floor of Hayden Library. Room 306 in Walker, a squashcourt which was being used for storage, will house

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News coverage should be extended. Said Saloma, ". . . I would suggest improvements in the official means of communication, WMIT and *The Tech*."

The recently created Liaison Council was mentioned as the official communication channel between student government and the administration. Said Saloma, "This organization (the Liaison Council) has unlimited potentialities for improving communications between the faculty and the students."

The present Student Faculty committee was also the subject for considerable comment. It was suggested that ". . . Institute Committee consider a marked revision in the structure of (the Stu-Fac committee) . . ." Saloma went on to suggest curtailment of the activities and staff of the Stu-Fac committee and stated that, "Such changes will probably meet with objections from the Student-Faculty Committee . . . the whole area should be treated fairly and objectively . . ."

Dorm government was considered. Said Saloma, ". . . dormitories have had strong house committees . . . (but) Dormitory Council has been discouraging." He suggested that Dormcon concern itself more with broad policy.

The restrictive clause problem was also mentioned. ". . . In regard to the fraternities . . . the Restrictive Clause Committee (should) be re-examined in the light of the Discrimination Conference to see if this committee could serve a more useful function . . ."

Baker House Tries Commons "Seconds"; Other Houses May Also Try Changes

by Roger Kapp '58

The common meal system here at the Institute is becoming the subject of experimentation in the field of better service to the students.

Baker House residents will enjoy the privilege of unlimited seconds for a period of one month or the expenditure of five hundred dollars, whichever expires first. The Baker men have pledged full cooperation in the elimination of any wastes of food taken from the counter in an effort to make the new system economically possible. If the experiment works out it may be incorporated in a future commons scheme.

Roy J. Greenfield '58 of Burton House has proposed a system of a choice of two entrees for the Campus Room commons. Negotiations are un-

der way with the Institute Dining Service, but as yet there has been no decision reached. If the system is accepted and put into effect, the choice of entrees will exist as long as both dishes are available. If one is used up before the hour to close, the system will revert to something similar to the present.

It is evident that an unlimited period of choice would lead to extensive waste and would make the system economically impossible. The new system will provide the great majority of Burton commons eaters with the choice, while those who arrive too late will be in the same position as they are today.

At the present time East Campus has not made any decision on an experiment in Walker. As soon as a worthwhile idea is proposed and de-

cided upon it will be introduced to the Dining Service.

Dormitory Council has set up a new Commons Committee. The committee, to be headed by Nelo Sekler Nussbaum '56, was set up because of the possibility that commons on a voluntary basis may be ended, along with compulsory commons, at the end of this semester. It is the consensus of Dormitory Council opinion that the voluntary commons should be extended.

East Campus House Committee has also set up a Commons Committee, to be headed by David C. Kleinman '56.

There will be joint meetings of all the Commons Committees, and then work will be carefully integrated to accomplish the greatest possible success.

Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of three articles to appear concerning the history, procedure and significance of the Conference on Discrimination to be held at MIT on March 25, 26, and 27.

by Arthur Schultz, '57

Almost to a man, both the students and administration who have had any part in the conception and development of MIT's unique "MIT National Intercollegiate Conference on Selectivity and Discrimination in American Universities" are convinced that the conference will be a success. There is pretty much of a universal feeling that the preparation has been thorough, the representative schools have been chosen wisely, and the speakers invited have been selected well. To all, success seems assured.

Just what the conference will succeed in doing, however, is something else. There are several different viewpoints as to what successful results and developments will come from the conference.

Students generally, and Eldon Reiley, chairman of the conference, in particular, look at the three-day series of speeches, panels, and discussions as a means to develop some understanding among the divergent groups that will attend. It was for this reason that the conference was made national in scope, rather than

kept on a regional level.

The student feeling is, that as long as differences of opinion remain, little of permanent value will be accomplished by the meetings of local groups which are already in agreement. Resolutions passed and actions suggested by regional conferences tend to be unrealistic in as much as they do not have a realistic and national view of the problem.

For a complete list of the 64 schools to date which are attending the MIT Conference on Discrimination, see page 3.

On the other hand, it is hoped that conferences of the type that MIT has introduced will lead to an awareness of the reasons for discrimination. The presence of differing, and even directly clashing, attitudes towards the problem is needed before the sympathetic understanding which precedes positive action is formed.

It is with these goals in mind that Reiley and the many students working with him have framed discussion topics and chosen speakers. They feel certain that the results of the discrimination conference will justify their work.

Administration viewpoints, however, are more diverse. There is general agreement with the student point of view: that the goal of the conference, and the result, it is hop-

ed, will be an increased understanding among the representatives. This is uppermost in the mind of all connected with the conference, students and administration alike.

There are further aspects in the administration view. The conference is seen by some in a context broader than the single problem of discrimination. The tendency is to consider this a single phase of the larger area of values and morals. In this broader picture, the conference is viewed as an attempt by the students to crystallize a set of personal values.

Side by side with this rather philosophical attitude there exists the feeling among some of the members of the administration that the conference is also extremely pragmatic. They point out that discrimination always has existed and probably always will. It is only the basis for discrimination which changes, and it is the changing of a particular set of criteria for discrimination which the conference has as its goal. The criteria in this case are racial and religious.

There are two points on which all agree: that the conference is important and may be a distinct step forward in the solution of the nation's discrimination problem; and that the conference should be highly successful.

National Discrimination Conference Seen As Promoter Of Mutual Understanding

Dormcon To Try Discussion Meeting; Approves New House Constitutions

Burton House Comm Talks About Washers; Gift To Prof. Troost

Washing machines were again the main consideration at the Burton House Committee meeting held Wednesday.

The house committee discussed the possibility of having Burton House buy the machines and paying for them with a small profit made on each washing. A committee of five was appointed to investigate the merits of this plan.

A motion was passed to provide a plaque for the Egbert trophy won by the Burton House Varsity Variations Tech Sing.

The house committee, on behalf ofents in Burton House, cords to Prof. Troost, mt, as a birthday pres-

iday.

to change the regular from 9:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. was voted by a vote of 8-3. after, a motion to change the meeting time from 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. was passed, 8-2.

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 4, at 9:30

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Conference Group Headed By Reiley

Discrimination Conference Steering Committee—
MIT's Discrimination Conference is chiefly the work of the Discrimination steering committee.

Heading the committee was Eldon Reiley '55, with W. Chandler Stevens '55, Harry Schreiber '55, Ronald Howard '55, Dave Brooks '55, Glenn Jackson '55, F. Eugene Davis '55, John Wharton '55, and Dave Nasatir '55.

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Baseball Season Starts

by Jerry Marwell '57

The 1955 edition of the Engineer baseball team left yesterday on the first southern trip in Beaver baseball history. Coach Roy Merritt is taking the boys southward because he feels that they will be able to get more practice in the warm climate.

Practice the squad needs. Due to the presence of the basketball floor in Rockwell Cage there was no space available for indoor practice. Now that the floor is down the team still splits the cage's availability with the lacrosse squad. Except for the pitchers who have been working out since January, the players have had only ten practices.

First game on the southern schedule will be March 28 at William and Mary. Contests are slated for March 29, 30, 31 and April 2. Included in the schedule are Randolph-Macon and Upsala. When the boys return from their week-end vacation they should be moulded into a smoothly operating unit.

Coach Merritt can really depend on two things so far—an excellent pitching staff and the best shortstop in Boston. Besides these two things Roy is faced with untried quantities. The major bright spot in this season's prospects is captain "Pete" Peterson '55. A .350 hitter, Pete is also a sensational fielder and a real field general to boot.

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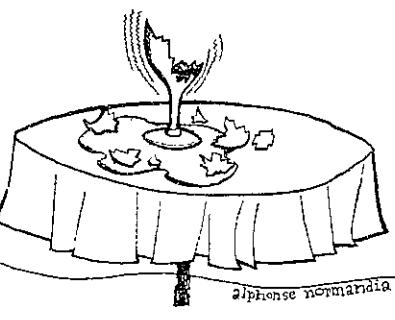
The pitching staff, headed by last year's ace Al Hauser '55 and fireballing Marsh Rogan '56, figures to be

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the meeting Inscomm did not get to discuss the leadership conference that is planned for this April.

Distributed at the meeting was a report from the Student-Faculty Committee explaining the accomplishments of the committee to date. Included in this summary was the explanation of the new Liaison Council and its effect on Stu-Fac Comm. Mentioned also in the committee's report were recommendations for improvement of the Stu-Fac Comm and its potential.

A list of the schools that are attending the Discrimination Conference and the names of the delegates from each of these schools was also distributed at the meeting.

A memorandum was issued from the Faculty Committee on Undergraduate Policy on the problem resulting from student over emphasis of activities and the possible reverberations due to this practice. The complete statement will be posted on fraternity and dormitory bulletin boards.

The next meeting of Inscomm will be held on the sixth of April in Litchfield Lounge at which time the committee will discuss the forthcoming Leadership Council.

Relocation

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the Outing Club, which built in some cabinets to hold their equipment.

The Glider Club moved to Bedford Airport, while Drama Shop secured space in the Auditorium and the Model Aircrafters took over part of Building 41. Rocket Research Society, the only activity which is not yet settled, is attempting to secure the other squash court in Walker.

It is attempting to provide additional space for activity use and for lounges and social rooms. One important goal is establishment of adequate space for commuters, both lounges and rooms for studying.

It should be emphasized that the changes introduced by this committee will only be temporary measures, designed to last until the completion of the Student Union Building.

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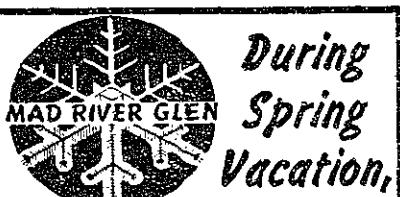
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